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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Relocation of PIC's Original TALENT
Negatives at the U.S. Navy Photo
Interpretation Center, Suitland, Md.,
Under Emergency Conditions

1. As you know from previous memoranda on this subject, the U.S. Navy has indicated a willingness to wall-off a section of its [redacted] at UEN-PIC, Suitland, Maryland, for storage of our original TALENT negatives under emergency conditions.

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2. Informal discussions with UEN-PIC Chief Engineer, Mr. V. Van Keuren, indicates that the cost of constructing this wall and providing additional air conditioning plus a small amount of working space would amount to some \$15,000. This seems like a fair proposal and one worth considering in the light of the increasingly tense international situation. I would recommend that we spend this amount as an insurance measure to protect our present film assets (almost 1,000,000 linear feet) plus new accessions expected.

3. I realize that there are more steps to follow, such as formal exchange of letters of understanding with Navy, definition of what would constitute an "emergency" situation, concurrences with Mr. Bissell, and the like, but I want by this memorandum to post you on the current situation. If for any reason this action would not be wanted by CIA, I would like to suspend discussions before we go any further.

4. I've talked about this subject with [redacted] and would appreciate your concurrence or recommendations.

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